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# News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In February 2005, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a total of **fifteen (15) recalls relating to products affecting children**. Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past two months.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128**.

Following is a listing of the 15 "KIDS" recalls by title and identification number (when available):

- ❖ H&M are recalling Girls' Sweaters with Faux Fur Trim. #05-096
- ❖ Once Upon a Family is recalling Memory Trunks.
- ❖ Todo Dollar Wholesale is recalling Pacifiers. #05-099
- ❖ New Star Toys & Gifts Inc. is recalling Toy Cars. #05-101
- ❖ Giftco is recalling Fork in Winnie the Pooh Baby Plate Set.
- ❖ Big Save International is recalling Baby Walkers. #05-103
- ❖ HIS International is recalling Jumper Sets. #05-108
- ❖ Wal-Mart Stores is recalling Reef Rocker Infant Toys. #05-111
- ❖ Dollar General Corp is recalling Dive Sticks. #05-112
- ❖ GSI Commerce Solutions is recalling Electric Scooters. #05-113
- ❖ Charles Products is recalling Toddler Drinking Cups. #05-114
- ❖ Kolpin Powersports is recalling Youth ATVs.
- ❖ Playtex Products, Inc. is recalling Hip Hammock Child Carriers. #05-117
- ❖ Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. is recalling Electronic Musical Toys. #05-122
- ❖ Tiffany and Company is recalling Farm Teether Rattles.

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

## "KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"

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**Release Number:** 05-096 Dubbster (H & M private label), H & M, of New York, N.Y. is voluntarily recalling about 470 Girls' Cardigan Sweaters with Faux Fur Trim. The recalled cardigan sweaters are black with a black faux fur trim around the wrists, neck and down the front center of the sweater. The sweaters were sold in girls' sizes 7Y through 14Y and are made of 100 percent acrylic. "Dubbster" and RN number "0101255" is printed on the inside neck label of the sweaters. They were sold at H & M stores in the northeastern United States from November 2004 through December 2004 for about \$20. They were manufactured in Indonesia.

**Problem:** The furry trim on the sweaters is dangerously flammable.

**What to do:** Consumers should return the recalled sweaters to any H & M location to receive a refund. For additional information contact H & M toll-free at (877) 439-6261 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's web site at [www.hm.com](http://www.hm.com)



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05096.html>

**Release Information:** Once Upon a Family, of Irvine, Calif. is voluntarily recalling about 1,600 Memory Trunks. The yellow and tan Memory Trunk is about 22-inches long by 14-inches wide by 13.5-inches high and made of fiber board. It is decorated with photos of family activities and various phrases, such as "A Childhood Cherished," "A Place in Time" and "Mementos and Memories." Once Upon A Family intended the trunk for use as a storage box for childhood mementos and does not intend it for use by children. They were sold by sales consultants at home events nationwide

from November 2002 through October 2004 for about \$100. They were manufactured in Hong Kong, China.

**Problem:** The lid can fall on a child who is looking or reaching inside entrapping the child at the neck, which poses a risk of strangulation. Also, the lid can close and self-fasten, entrapping the child inside the trunk, which poses a suffocation hazard.

**What to do:** Consumers should keep the Memory Trunk out of reach of children and contact the firm to receive a free repair kit. The repair kit includes a warning sticker and a padlock so that the Memory Trunk can be locked. Consumers can also request a free replacement lid that is not attached by hinges, which eliminates the risks of entrapment and strangulation. For more information, call Once Upon a Family at (800) 377-6823 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at [www.onceuponafamily.net](http://www.onceuponafamily.net). The firm is also directly contacting customers about this recall.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05536.html>

**Release Number:** 05-099 Todo Dollar Wholesale, of Los Angeles, Calif. is voluntarily recalling about 102,000 Flashing Pacifier with Whistle Necklace and Flashing Pacifier Shock Baby Necklace. The recalled pacifier necklace consists of a 28-inch multi-colored cord with a 3-inch plastic pacifier that comes in assorted colors. On the Whistle Necklace pacifier, the nipple is the whistle, which contains a hole at the tip to be used as a blow hole. The pacifier handle operates as the on-off button for the flashing light on both pacifiers. "Flashing Pacifier Shock Baby Necklace" or "2-in-1 Flashing Pacifier with Whistle Necklace" is printed on the packaging of the pacifiers. They were sold by internet sales, distributors and small retail stores

from January 2004 through November 2004 for about \$1. They were manufactured in China.

**Problem:** The nipple can detach from the pacifier, posing a choking hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Return the pacifiers to the store where purchased to receive a refund. For additional information, call Todo Dollar Wholesale toll-free at (866) 325-4732 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m PT Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05099.html>

**Release Number:** 05-101 New Star Toys & Gifts Inc., of Vernon, Calif. is voluntarily recalling about 1,200 Toy Cars. The recall includes two styles of toy cars. The Funny Puzzle Car or "Funny Game Car" is about 9-inches long. The car has an orange body, green interior and blue wheels. A frog button is on one side and lettered buttons are on the other. Stickers on the car read "FUNNY GAME CAR," "Funny Intelligence Game" and "NO. 1340." They are sold with four shape blocks that can be inserted in the windows of the car. The Funny Cartoon Car or "Beautiful Music Car" is a six-wheel truck about 16-inches long. The cab of the truck is yellow and the trailer is green. It has 15 spinning blocks on one side showing Spanish words and a plastic abacus on the other side and a play clock on the back. Stickers on the product read "Beautiful Music Car," "LOVELY CARTOON CAR" and "NO.1345." Both products have a yellow pull-string in the front. They were sold at toy department and discount stores nationwide from September 2004 through December 2004 for between \$4 and \$6. They were manufactured in China.

**Problem:** Small parts can break off during use, posing a choking hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Consumers should take these toys away from young children, and return the recalled toys to the store where purchased for a refund.

Consumer Contact: Contact New Star toll-free at (888) 647-0051 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05101.html>

**Release Information:** Giftco, Inc. of Vernon Hills, IL is voluntarily recalling about 26, 157 Winnie the Pooh Plate Set with plastic fork and spoon. Fork has white plastic prongs and a blue & white checkered pattern on the handle with an image of Tigger. They were sold at school holiday shops.

**Problem:** The plastic fork prongs in the plate set can break posing a choking hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Stop using the fork immediately. Return just the fork or the entire plate set to Giftco for a full refund or consumers can just throw the fork away. For more information, call Giftco at 888-448-6728 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05540.html>

**Release Number:** 05-103 Big Save International Corp., of Los Angeles, Calif. is voluntarily recalling about 12,000 Baby Walkers. Only Big Save baby walkers with model numbers 9026, 9028, 9090, 90110 and 90111 are included in this recall. The model number is printed as the final digits on a bar code number and may appear on the front or back of the walker. Each walker has six caster wheels and comes in various colors light green, pink and blue. They were sold at toy and juvenile product stores nationwide for between \$15 and \$25. Model 9026 walkers were sold from June 1998

through December 2002 and all other models were sold from December 2003 through December 2004. They were manufactured in Taiwan.

**Problem:** The walkers fit through a standard doorway and are not designed to stop at the edge of a step. Additionally, these walkers can tip-over. Babies using these walkers can be seriously injured or killed.

**What to do:** Stop using the recalled walkers immediately and return the walkers to the retailer where purchased to receive a refund. Call Big Save International Corp. at (800) 626-9393 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05103.html>

**Release Number:** 05-108 HIS International, of New York, NY is voluntarily recalling about 6,700 Denim Jumper Sets. The recalled denim jumper sets are made of 100 percent cotton and were sold in three different styles. Style number 2814X is a long sleeve bodysuit with a flower appliqué jumper. Style number 2817X is a striped turtleneck with a heart pocket jumper and Style number 2818X is a long sleeve bodysuit with a patchwork jumper. They were sold exclusively at Kmart Stores nationwide from July 2004 to November 2004 for about \$13. They were manufactured in China.

**Problem:** The paint on the buttons contains excessive lead levels, posing a lead poisoning hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately take the denim jumper away from children and return to Kmart for a refund or replacement. Consumers should contact HIS International toll free at (888) 467-3990 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit their Web site at [www.nokidding-HIS.com](http://www.nokidding-HIS.com) for additional information.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05108.html>

**Release Number:** 05-111 Wal-Mart Stores Inc., of Bentonville, Ark is voluntarily recalling about 54,260 Reef Rocker Infant Toys. This recall involves Baby Connection Reef Rocker infant toys. The floor toy is intended for children ages 3 months and above. The toy's water-filled dome and four toy balls have colorful sea creatures inside. Lights and music are activated when the toy is shaken. Wal-Mart stores nationwide sold them from May 2004 through January 2005 for between \$8 and \$10. They were manufactured in China.

**Problem:** The seam on the plastic balls can separate, releasing the small toy inside and posing a choking hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately take the toy away from small children and return it to their nearest Wal-Mart store for a full refund. Call Wal-Mart at (800) 925-6278 between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at [www.walmartstores.com](http://www.walmartstores.com).



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05111.html>

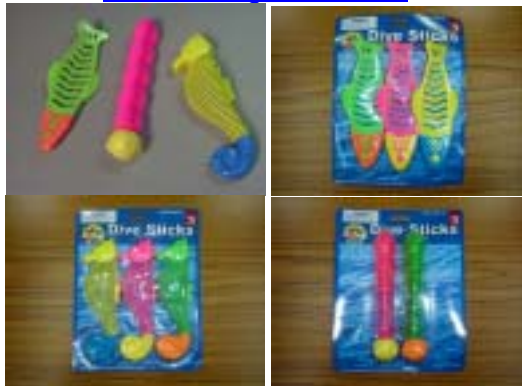
**Release Number:** 05-112 The Dollar General Corp., of Goodlettsville, Tenn is voluntarily recalling about 180,000 dive stick packages. The dive sticks are hard plastic in the shape of worms, fish, and seahorses. The worm dive sticks are sticks with ridges that are green with an orange weighted ball or pink with a yellow weighted ball on the bottom. The fish dive sticks are pink and yellow or green and orange. The seahorse dive sticks are yellow with a blue tail or pink with a yellow tail. All of the dive sticks are about 7 inches long. "Made in China" is written on the fish and seahorses. "Sun and



Shade" is written on each package. There are two worms per package and three fish or seahorses per package. They were sold at Dollar General stores nationwide from April 2004 through September 2004 for about \$1. They were manufactured in China.

**Problem:** Children can fall or land on these upright dive sticks in shallow water and suffer impalement injuries. CPSC banned pre-weighted dive sticks in 2001.

**What to do:** Consumers should take these dive sticks away from children immediately and return them to Dollar General stores for a refund, or discard them. Contact Dollar General at (800) 678-9258 between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit their Web site at [www.dollargeneral.com](http://www.dollargeneral.com)



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05112.html>

**Release Number:** 05-113 GSI Commerce Solutions, doing business as Spartan Sports, of King of Prussia, Pa is voluntarily recalling about 4,300 Electric Scooters. The recall involves models FS-101 and FS-102 Spartan Sports electric scooters, which are powered by 250-watt electric motors and made of steel. The model numbers do not appear on the product but are on the users' manual. The scooters have adjustable handlebars, collapsible parts, and a stepping plate and kickstand attached to the base. The scooters were sold in black and blue with a black kickplate. Web sites operated by GSI Commerce Solutions nationwide sold them from October 2002 through June 2004 for about \$240 (Model FS-101) and \$194 (Model FS-102). They were manufactured in China.

**Problem:** A knob can loosen and cause the handlebar to detach from the scooter. Additionally, the folding joint lock on the model FS-101 scooter can break, causing the handlebars to release from the upright position.

Both hazards can cause the rider to lose control and fall from the scooter.

**What to do:** Consumers should stop using the product and contact GSI Commerce Solutions to receive a free repair kit. Call GSI Commerce Solutions toll-free at (866) 316- 4812 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05113.html>

**Release Number:** 05-114 Charles Products, of Bethesda, Md is voluntarily recalling about 720 "Maui Ocean Center" Toddler Drinking Cups. The toddler cups are made of clear plastic with two handles and have a blue lid with a spout for young children to drink from. The dome-shaped container inside the cup contains blue and clear liquid, along with two toy dolphins, which appear to be swimming in the liquid. "MAUI OCEAN CENTER" is written on the side of the cups. Exclusively sold at the Maui Ocean Center in Wailuku Maui, Hawaii from June 2003 through September 2004 for about \$10. They were manufactured in China.

**Problem:** A container inside the cup holds petroleum distillates, which can leak onto the outside of the cup and could come into contact with the user posing a poisoning hazard to children.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately take these cups away from young children. Consumers should return the cups to the store where purchased for a refund or contact firm. For additional information, call Charles Products at (800) 242-7537 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05114.html>

**Release Information:** Amstrong Industry Corporation, Taiwan, R.O.C. is voluntarily recalling about 1,000 90cc units and 39 50cc units of Kolpin Powersports 50cc and 90cc Youth All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs). The recall includes all of Kolpin Powersports' 2004 model year Youth ATVs purchased prior to November 24, 2004. The Youth ATVs are black with gray trim and have gray metallic and flame graphic decals. A "KOLPIN" decal is present on each side of the gas tank. Kolpin Powersports' authorized retailers sold them nationwide from September 2004 to November 24, 2004 for \$1,399 to \$1,499. They were manufactured in Taiwan, R.O.C.

**Problem:** Metal-flange locking nuts securing the tie rod assemblies, integral to the steering system on the Youth ATV, can come loose. The resulting unstable steering condition could result in serious injury or death to a rider.

**What to do:** Consumers should contact the retail store where they purchased their Youth ATV for inspection and retrofit. For more information, contact Kolpin Powersports toll-free at 877-9KOLPIN (877-956-5746), between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., CT Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05541.html>

**Recall Number:** 05-117 Playtex Products Inc., of Westport, Conn is voluntarily recalling about 32,000 Playtex Hip Hammock. The recalled infant carriers were sold under the name "Playtex Hip Hammock," which is sewn into the front of the carrier. The model number is sewn into the inside panel below the instructions for use. The model numbers are:  
05300 – Basic Black Hip Hammock  
05301 – Deluxe Black Hip Hammock  
05302 – Deluxe Navy Blue Hip Hammock  
They were sold at juvenile product stores, discount stores nationwide, catalog and internet sites from June 2004 through February 2005 for

about \$40 (Basic model) and \$60 (Deluxe model). They were manufactured in China.

**Problem:** The shoulder strap support can detach from the hammock, posing a fall hazard to the baby.

**What to do:** Consumers should stop using the carrier immediately and contact Playtex Products Inc., for instructions on returning the carrier for a replacement. Consumers should contact Playtex Products Inc., at (800) 522-8230 between 8:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, or visit the Playtex Baby Web site at [www.playtexbaby.com](http://www.playtexbaby.com)



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05117.html>

**Release Number:** 05-122 Dollar Tree Stores Inc., of Chesapeake, Va is voluntarily recalling about 147,600 "Toy Tunes" Electronic Musical Toys. The recall includes two styles of battery-operated, electronic musical toys. The multi-colored toys come in the shape of a drum and a xylophone, and are sold with a drumstick for playing the musical toy. The recalled toys have a label affixed to the top of the package that reads "LIGHT & SOUND MUSICAL TOY" and "TOY TUNES." A second label affixed to the bottom right of the package reads "TRY ME!" The label affixed on the back of the package contains, "DOLLAR TREE DIST., CHESAPEAKE, VA 23320" and "MADE IN CHINA." Dollar Tree, Only \$1, and Dollar Bills stores sold them nationwide from March 2004 through January 2005 for \$1. They were manufactured in China.

**Problem:** The ball on the end of the drumstick sold with these toys can break off during use, posing a choking hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Consumer should take these toys away from young children immediately, and return the recalled toys to the store where purchased for a refund. For more information, call Dollar Tree Stores Inc. at (800) 876-8077 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through

Friday, or visit the company Web site at [www.dollartree.com](http://www.dollartree.com)



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05122.html>

**Release Information:** New England Sterling of Attleboro, Mass., for Tiffany and Company of New York, N.Y. is voluntarily recalling about 3,700 Farm Teether Rattles. The recalled rattle is designed for children ages 3 months and up. The Farm Teether Rattle is a hollow, sterling silver ring approximately 3 inches in diameter with a bar across its center. The bar is attached to the interior of the ring at two points and has three farm animals (sheep, duck and cow) and two beads that rotate on the bar. Small plastic beads inside the ring rattle when the product is shaken. Inscribed on the rattle is "© 2002 TIFFANY & CO. 925." Tiffany and Company sold these rattles in its retail stores and from its catalogs and Web site from November 2002 through early March 2004 for about \$150. They were manufactured in the United States.

**Problem:** A metal bar on the rattle can break off during use, releasing small round beads and small farm animal figures that roll off the crossbar when the soldered joints break. The beads can pose an aspiration hazard to young children. The breakage also can create ragged edges on the ring, posing a laceration hazard.

**What to do:** Consumers can return the product to Tiffany and Company for a full refund, credit or a new rattle. For more information, customers can contact Tiffany and Company at (800) 464-5000 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday. Tiffany and Company also is contacting customers about the recall.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05544.html>

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